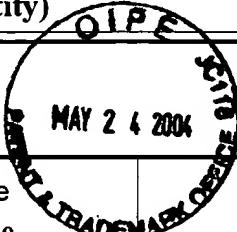


**PETITION FOR EXTENSION OF TIME UNDER 37 CFR 1.136(a)**

**(Large Entity) **

Docket No.  
**PU9993CIP2**

**In Re Application Of: George W. Hawkins**



**Serial No.**  
**09/605,766**

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June 28, 2000

**Examiner**  
**J. Sjew**

Group Art Unit  
1637

**Invention: Method and Apparatus for Performing Biological Reactions on a Substrate Surface**

**TO THE COMMISSIONER FOR PATENTS:**

This is a request under the provisions of 37 CFR 1.136(a) to extend the period for filing a response to the Office Action of December 3, 2003 above-identified application.

The requested extension is as follows (check time period desired):

One month     Two months     Three months     Four months     Five months

from: **March 3, 2004**      Date \_\_\_\_\_ until: **June 3, 2004**      Date \_\_\_\_\_

The fee for the extension of time is \$950 and is to be paid as follows:

A check in the amount of the fee is enclosed.

The Director is hereby authorized to charge any fees which may be required, or credit any overpayment, to Deposit Account No. 502-590

If an additional extension of time is required, please consider this a petition therefor and charge any additional fees which may be required to Deposit Account No. 502-590

Dated: May 21, 2004

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I certify that this document and fee is being deposited on May 21, 2004 with the U.S. Postal Service as first class mail under 37 C.F.R. 1.8 and is addressed to the Commissioner for Patents, P.O. Box 1450, Alexandria, VA 22313-1450.

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**Melissa Leck**

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